

**The Erie County Executive Energy Achievement Award** was conceived to identify, share, and recognize projects in Erie County that serve as outstanding energy conservation models. Recognition of these measures will serve to:

- Encourage the development and use of renewable energy
- Stimulate ideas for energy conservation
- Create a resource to assist future projects
- Promote a positive future for our region

Utilization of renewable energy and energy conservation efforts have numerous benefits that enhance the future for all. Those benefits include:

- Improved air quality
- Reduced dependency on foreign oil and gas
- Reduced energy costs
- Stimulation of the developments of new industries, products, and jobs
- Improved image of the region
- Added prestige from demonstrating environmental responsibility

Environmental responsibility extends to government entities, business, educational institutions, and individuals/households. All have the opportunity to make positive contributions to the future in regulating, educating, and choosing to promote sustainability with clean energy and to actively conserve the use of energy created from fossil fuels. This award will recognize one municipality or county department, one area business, one educational institution, and one individual/household.

Information, applications, and instructions are available on the Erie County web page (<http://www.erie.gov>), from members of the Renewable Energy Committee of the Erie County Environmental Management Council, or at the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2005. The Environmental Management Council will host a reception in March, 2005 to thank all participants for their hard work in putting forward the review of their project.

Applications will be reviewed independently by the Renewable Energy Committee of the Erie County Environmental Management Council. The awards will be presented to the winners by the County Executive at a press conference on Earth Day, April 2005. The categories are: municipalities or county departments, area businesses, educational institutions, and individuals. All are encouraged to share their experience by applying for this award.

Instructions for applying for the  
**Erie County Executive Energy Achievement Award**

Please provide the following information and submit on plain paper. Submit copies only of any (non-proprietary) supporting documents. Applications will not be returned. Please send to:

Erie County Environmental Management Council  
c/o Erie County Department of Environment and Planning  
95 Franklin Street, Room 1077  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Name of the Project:

Name of organization:

Address:

Name of the applicant or contact:

Phone number of contact person:

Dates of project conception and completion: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the condition that first caused the project to be considered:

Please answer all pertinent questions:

- What was the initial goal of the project?
- Was renewable energy technology considered for the project and how?
- What steps were taken to achieve the goal?
- What were the obstacles to completion of the projects?
- What support did the project receive?
- What was the projected pay-back period for the project?
- Is the pay-back on target?
- What are the results of the project? (such as: reduction in energy use, reduction of emissions, reduction in utility cost, etc.)
- What would you do differently on the next energy project?
- What do you or your organization consider the most positive secondary outcome from the project?
- Are you currently purchasing any “green” energy?
- How will you or your organization be willing to mentor others in starting an energy conservation project?
- May we post/publish your project on our web site?

For more information, call 716-858-6147.